



**Chesterton**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

This term's value; Persevere

We are focusing on being proud of our achievements.

Dear parents, carers and families,

This term has started with a couple of really successful weeks. The pupils have taken on this term's value of persevere and have been focused on their learning and persevering with improving and growing. I have been impressed with the positive attitudes to learning I have seen when walking around the school. The children's dedication can also be seen with the new displays around school. The pupils' learning has been beautifully displayed to show how hard they have worked and how much care they have taken. I hope all pupils feel proud of their achievements from this academic year so far.

This Thursday is Faith Day. Each year group is looking at a particular Faith for the day, they are focusing on the key beliefs of that faith. During the day they are creating art work and information pieces about the faith. You are then invited to come and see the work they have created and hear about what they have learnt in the afternoon. The following times are the slots for the parents to come and visit the exhibition of work; Reception and Year 1 parents at 2pm, Year 2 and 3 parents at 2.20pm and Years 4, 5 and 6 at 2.30pm.

One area of focus for the school is Reading. Last term we had parent share sessions inviting you all in to come and see how guided reading takes place in school and how reading is taught. We are looking at other ways of informing you of how to support reading at home. Most importantly, we want to encourage you to read with your child every day. This could include one or some of the following every day; listening to your child read their school book, listening to them to read a book they have chosen for pleasure and/or you reading and sharing a book with them. One thing we have noticed is children are not bringing in their reading records as often as they should. Please encourage children to bring them in daily, even if they do not need to change their reading books, staff in school want to check how they are getting on and the reading records are the best tool to support this.

School attendance, has been slowly increasing in most classes. Although we know that some classes have been impacted with some illness. We are keeping up our hygiene levels to ensure that we are preventing all possible spread that is in our control. We currently have an outbreak of Chicken Pox in one class and they have quite a few children off. If your child has chicken pox they will need to stay away from school, until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.

With best wishes for the week ahead,  
Kate Yeoman.

## Attendance data...

WB: 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

1 <sup>st</sup>	Beech Class	98.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oak Class	97.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elm Class	96.6%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hawthorn Class	95.3%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Elder Class	92.6%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Class	91.7%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Class	91.4%

WB: 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hawthorn Class	98.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hazel Class	98.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oak Class	97.2%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class	95.9%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Elder Class	95.7%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Class	91.4%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class	91.1%

## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January;** Faith Day

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** School Council

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 8.45am:** Parent Council

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am:** Elder Class Assembly

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Half term begins

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Children return to school



PERSEVERANCE

